

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-25, 27-29, and 31-46 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 18 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1 and 18 are supported by the original specification.¹ No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-12, 14, 15, 18-20, 22-24, 27-29, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Briffe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,141, hereinafter “Briffe”) in view of Snyder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,664,989, hereinafter “Snyder ‘989”), Marks et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,082, hereinafter “Marks”), and Oder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,475,594, hereinafter “Oder”); Claims 8 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Briffe in view of Snyder ‘989, Marks, Oder, and Westerman (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,443); Claims 4, 16, 21, 33, 35, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder ‘989, Marks, and Oder in view of Snyder (U.S. Patent No. 6,381,519, hereinafter “Snyder ‘519”); Claims 37-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder ‘989 in view of Briffe; and Claims 17, 34, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Briffe in view of Snyder ‘989, Marks, Oder, and Muller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,072,473, hereinafter “Muller”).

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder ‘989, Marks, and Oder, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part:

a display configured to display at least one window including a plurality of responsive objects respectively

¹See, e.g., the specification at page 9, lines 28-24.

associated with only one of multiple functions of the at least one system of the aircraft;

a first cursor control device including a continuous cursor moving mechanism configured to move a cursor in a continuous manner on the display so as to designate a responsive object; and

a second cursor control device configured to be activated during an emergency mode of the aircraft and including a discrete cursor moving mechanism configured to move the cursor in a discrete and cyclical manner on the display, responsive object by responsive object, so as to designate a responsive object.

The outstanding Office Action conceded at page 2, line 23 and page 3, line 17-18 that Briffe does not describe “a second cursor control device” as recited in Claim 1. The outstanding Office Action cited Oder as describing this element.² However, Oder describes an information processing system that displays *lists* of urgent tasks that may be selected if an abnormal event is detected. Thus, an operator of the system described by Oder is forced to select a list of *multiple* tasks that will be executed, rather than a single function to be executed. Accordingly, as amended Claim 1 recites a second cursor control device configured to designate a responsive object, the “responsive objects respectively associated with *only one* of multiple functions,” Oder does not describe “a second cursor control device” as recited in Claim 1. Further, it is respectfully submitted that neither Snyder ‘989 nor Marks describe “a second cursor control device” as recited in Claim 1. Consequently, Claim 1 (and Claims 2-8, 10-12, and 14-17 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Briffe, Snyder ‘989, Marks, and Oder.

Amended Claim 18 recites similar elements as Claim 1. Accordingly, Claim 18 (and Claims 19-25, 27-29, and 31-36 dependent therefrom) is also patentable over Briffe, Snyder ‘989, Marks, and Oder for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 8 and 25 as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder ‘989, Marks, and Oder in view of Westerman, it is noted that Claims 8 and 25 are dependent

²See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 18-20.

from Claims 1 and 18, respectively, and thus are believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Westerman does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 8 and 25 are patentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Westerman.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 4, 16, 21, 33, 35, and 36 as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Snyder '519, it is noted that Claims 4, 16, 21, 33, 35, and 36 are dependent from Claims 1 and 18, and thus are believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Snyder '519 does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 4, 16, 21, 33, 35, and 36 are patentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Snyder '519.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 17 and 34 as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Muller, it is noted that Claims 17 and 34 are dependent from Claims 1 and 18, respectively, and thus are believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Muller does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 17 and 34 are patentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Muller.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder '989 in view of Briffe, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 37 recites in part, “a third moving mechanism configured to move said cursor from window to window using an auxiliary displacement key.”

The outstanding Office action apparently cited the tab 308 of Snyder '989 as “a third moving mechanism.” However, it is respectfully submitted that tab 308 of Snyder '989 is not

a moving mechanism at all, but is a menu bar portion of a window.³ The menu bar is an item that is selected by the cursor, *not* a means for moving the cursor. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Snyder '989 describes only one movement mechanism, cursor control device 104.⁴ As neither cursor control device 104 nor tab 308 of Snyder '989 is “a third movement mechanism” or “an auxiliary displacement key,” it is respectfully submitted that Snyder '989 does not teach or suggest “a third moving mechanism” as recited in Claim 37. Thus, Claim 37 (and Claims 38-46 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Snyder '989 in view of Briffe.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 45 and 46 as unpatentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Muller, it is noted that Claims 45 and 46 are dependent from Claim 37, and thus are believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Muller does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Briffe and Snyder '989. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 45 and 46 are patentable over Briffe, Snyder '989, Marks, and Oder in view of Muller.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-25, 27-29, and 31-46 is earnestly solicited.

³See Snyder '989 at column 4, lines 18-19.

⁴See Snyder '989 at column 3, lines 8-18.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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